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Applicant: Clarke

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Serial No.: 09/989,682

Examiner Weinstein, Stephen L.

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Title: Packaging of Respiring Biological Materials

Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY

Sir,

This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004. Applicants request an extension of 2 months, i.e. until August 31, 2004, for filing this Reply. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

IDSs and accompanying Documents

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner asked the Applicant to supply copies of the references listed on the PTO 1449s previously filed in this application. The listed references are the same as those previously filed in the parent application, Serial No. 09/858,190, and in consequence no copies of the references have been filed in this application. The Examiner made a similar request in the parent application, and in the parent application, Applicant is filing (separately, and delivered directly to the Examiner)

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a duplicate set of the IDSs, PTO-1449s, and documents previously supplied to the Office in the parent application, and of the IDSs and PTO-1449s previously filed in this application. Under these circumstances, Applicant proposes not to burden the Office by filing yet another set of the listed documents.

Amendments to the Specification

There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper